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# News Release

## **TWO MEN INDICTED FOR BEING UNLAWFULLY IN THE UNITED STATES AFTER DEPORTATION**

***One convicted of aggravated drug trafficking; both face prison time and \$250,000 fine***

BIRMINGHAM, AL.-- U.S. Attorney Alice H. Martin of the Northern District of Alabama and Michael A. Holt, Special Agent-in-Charge of ICE in New Orleans announced today that Alfonso Transito Ramirez-Osuna and Eleno Partida-Martinez have been indicted by a federal grand jury for being found unlawfully in the United States after having been deported.

One indictment charges Ramirez-Osuna with being found in the United States after having been deported to Mexico. A separate indictment charges Partida-Martinez with being found in the United States after having been deported and specifically charges that the previous deportation occurred after Partida-Martinez was convicted of the aggravated felony of drug trafficking.

The maximum sentence upon conviction for Ramirez-Osuna is 2 years incarceration and a fine of \$250,000. The maximum sentence upon conviction for Partida-Martinez is 20 years in prison and a fine of \$250,000.

"When individuals enter or remain illegally in the United States, the federal government will enforce its immigration laws to maintain order and to ensure that those individuals do not harm the U.S., her citizens, or those non-citizens who have entered and remain here legally," stated U.S. Attorney Alice H. Martin.

"ICE is committed to restoring integrity to our nation's immigration system," said Special Agent-in-Charge Michael A. Holt. "Those who choose to violate the law by willfully returning to the U.S. after being deported will be pursued by ICE."

Law enforcement officers of the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement and the Pelham police department investigated these cases. Assistant U.S. Attorney Melissa K. Atwood is prosecuting these cases.

Members of the public are reminded that the indictments contain only charges. A defendant is presumed innocent of the charges and it will be the government's burden to prove a defendant's guilt beyond a reasonable doubt at trial.

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